

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

CH-509

CH-640

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: G-0026

Address: 11530 Acton Lane, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Pash, James J. & Dorothy

Tax Parcel Number: 635 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The one-story house has a side-gable roof and a projecting front-gable, which creates an entry porch. The house is sided with horizontal boards and an addition is located at the side elevation. The addition has a side-gabled roof and is sided with vertical boards. The main section of the house is three bays wide.

The village of Waldorf became an important interchange on Crain Highway between the lower section of southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. A substantial expansion was experienced in the 1920s both commercially and residentially and established a greater presence for Waldorf in Charles County. In anticipation of Crain Highway's completion, the area known as Waldorf was surveyed and subdivided. Hotels, shops, restaurants, and a school were just a few of the amenities that were constructed during the 1920s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in the development of the northern sections of Charles County. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier

Prepared by EHT Traceries, Inc.

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Eligibility recommended ☐

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Consideration ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

Date

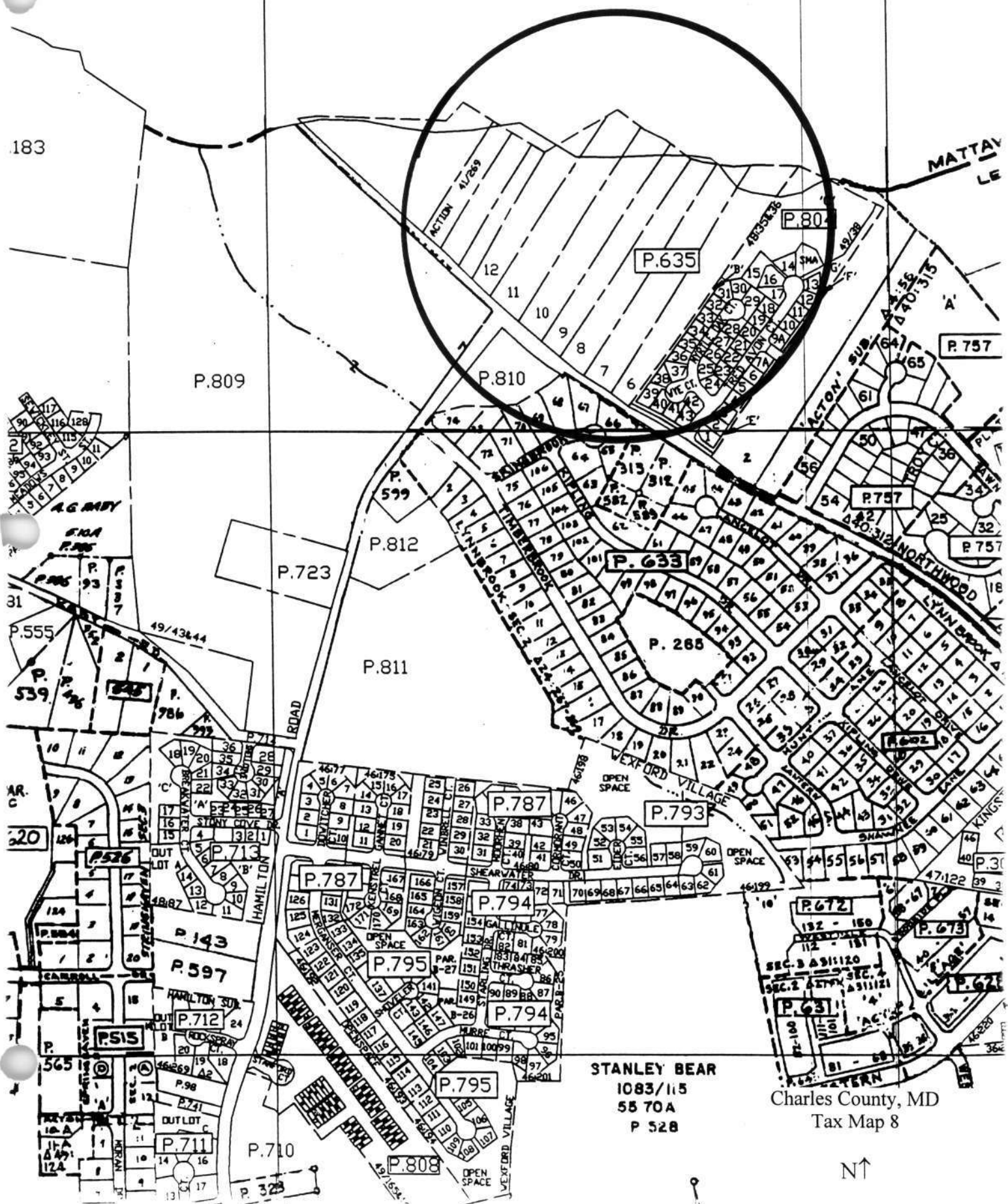
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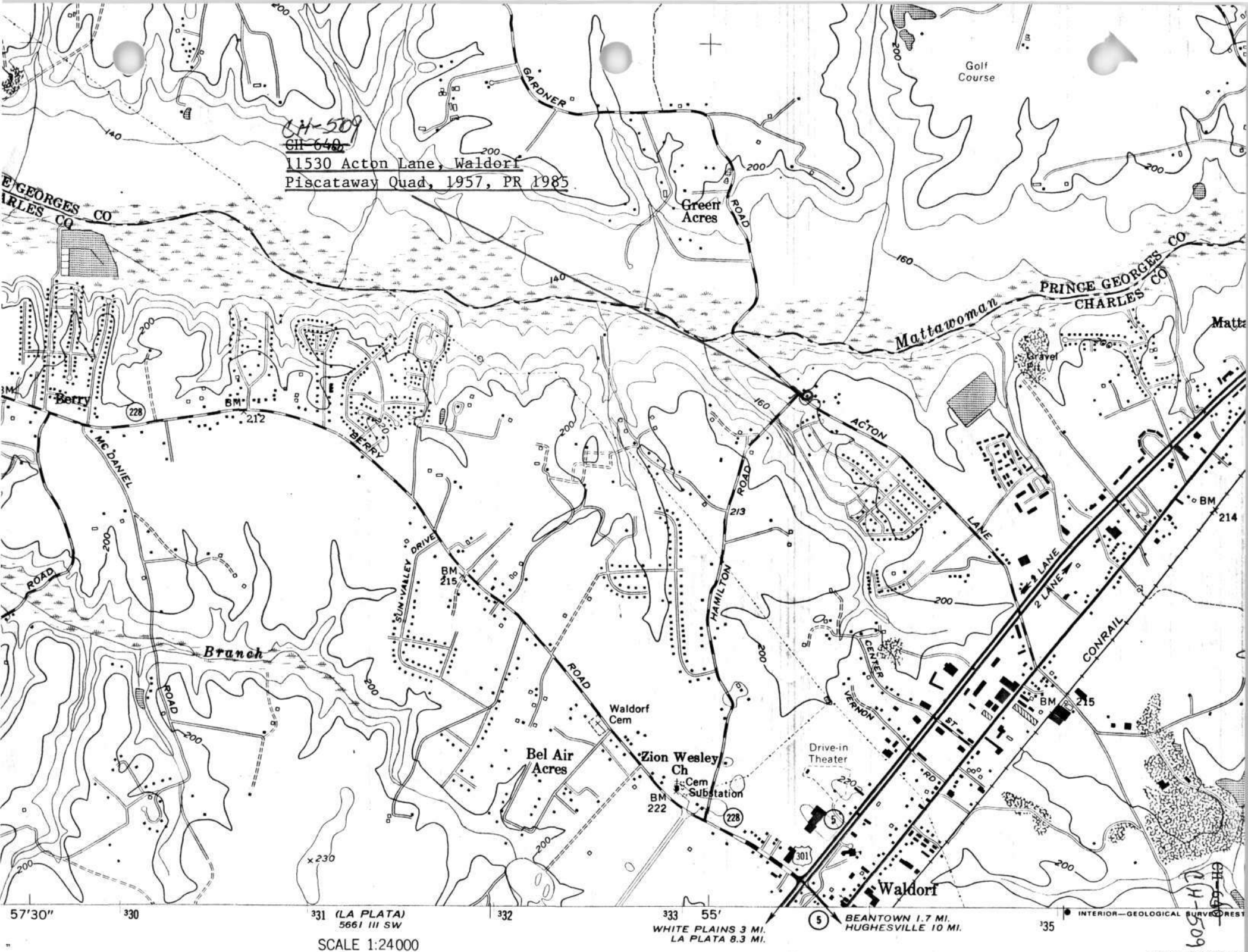
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trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development north of the Waldorf area, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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11530 Acton Lane

Charles County, MD

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July 1999

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View looking north.

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CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-509

Construction Date: 1949

Name: Earl and Consuela Gates Property

Location: 11530 Acton Lane, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Earl and Consuela Gates Property is located on the north side of Acton Lane in the Waldorf vicinity of Charles County.

The property consists of a 1949 dwelling and a prefabricated shed situated on a large, flat lot. The dwelling is 3-bays wide and 1-story tall with additions on the east and north elevations, a porch on the front, or south elevation, and a deck on the northeast corner. The dwelling rests on a concrete-block foundation and is covered in aluminum siding. The side-gable roof has a boxed cornice and is covered in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is located in the center of the main block, while a concrete-block chimney is located in the east gable end of the east addition. The windows are 2/2 double-hung with horizontally-divided lights. Most of the windows have vinyl shutters.

Significance:

The Earl and Consuela Gates Property was constructed in 1949 on land that was later subdivided. The property is an example of a mid-twentieth century vernacular residence which lacks ornamentation. Beginning in the late-nineteenth century, vernacular residences were constructed by Americans of modest means. They are generally of a simple design with mass-produced components. In general, a vernacular residence was a layman's response to the architectural styles and technologies that were well-accepted while the residence was being built. Using common building practice, purchased plans, or construction kits, a builder could adapt a basic form to fulfill the builder's ideas of an acceptable level of style. As the twentieth century progressed, the level of visual style necessary for an acceptable residence decreased. Vernacular residences moved away from exterior expressions of style to a personalized interior adaptation of the open plans and technologies offered in homes built by large developers. This building lacks significance because it is a common type and because the addition, porch and deck have obscured its original form and lessened its integrity.

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
January 1999

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Earl and Consuela Gates Property (preferred)

and/or common Betty Ann Welch Property

2. Location

street & number 11530 Acton Lane

___ not for publication

city, town Waldorf

☒ vicinity of congressional district

state MD

county Charles

3. Classification

Category

___ district

☒ building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

☒ private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

___ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

___ yes: unrestricted

___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

___ commercial

___ educational

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ museum

___ park

☒ private residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ transportation

___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Betty Ann Welch

street & number 11530 Acton Lane

telephone no.:

city, town Waldorf

state and zip code MD 20601-9509

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1159

street & number Charles County Courthouse

folio 573

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. CH-509

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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A later porch covers the front, or south elevation of the main block. The porch has a front-gable roof, square posts and a simple balustrade. The main entry is located in the center bay. The modern, paneled door has a plain surround. A single window is located on each side of the door. The addition east of the main block is covered in vertical board and has a side-gable roof with a lower ridge line than that of the main block. The east addition has a single window on the south elevation.

On the west elevation, the main block has a 2/2 double-hung window in the south bay and a small, 4/4 double-hung window in the north bay. A rear wing extends north from the main block. The wing has a single window on this elevation.

On the rear, or north elevation, the rear wing has two symmetrically-placed windows. The east addition has a modern bay window. A modern deck and gazebo fill the northeast corner between the two additions.

On the east elevation, the east addition has an entry in the south bay. The face of the gable is covered in aluminum siding.

The Gates Property is located in a suburban residential area west of U.S. 301 (Crain Highway). The large, flat lot is lightly wooded. A circular driveway surrounds the house. A modern, prefabricated shed is located northeast of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No. CH-509

Period	Areas of Significance -- Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1949, circa 1960

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Earl and Consuela Gates Property is located in the Acton Subdivision northwest of Waldorf. In 1937, Earl P. and Consuela V. Gates acquired 50.59 hectares (125 acres) of the "Cope Farm" in the area of Acton Lane and the Mattawoman Swamp. According to Charles County tax records, Earl and Consuela Gates constructed a house on the property in 1949. They sold 25.7 hectares (63.5 acres) to Francis W. Hill, Jr. in 1950. In that year, Hill filed a plat for the "Acton Subdivision," which consisted of fifteen lots ranging from 1.02 to 3.48 hectares (2.51 to 8.6 acres). The Gates' house was located on Lot 10, and a barn was located on Lot 11. The barn has been demolished. Hill sold Lots 10 and 11 to William E. and Emogene Rice Green in 1951. The current owners, the Welch family, acquired the two lots in 1968.

The Gates Property is a mid-twentieth century vernacular residence. Between 1870 and 1960, vernacular residences were typically built for Americans of modest means. Vernacular residences are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. In general, a vernacular residence was a layman's response to the architectural styles and technologies that were popular and well-accepted while the residence was being built. Using common building practice, purchased plans, or construction kits, a builder could adapt a basic house form or plan to fulfill the builder's ideas of an acceptable level of style. As the twentieth century progressed, the level of visual style necessary for an acceptable residence decreased. Vernacular residences moved away from exterior expressions of style to a personalized interior adaptation of the open plans and technologies offered in homes built by large developers.

The Gates Property is located northwest of the Waldorf community. Waldorf developed following the opening of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's Pope's Creek line in 1872. As a railroad stop, Waldorf became a service center for the surrounding rural area. The village of Waldorf grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons and two hotels by 1887 as a direct result of the railroad terminal there (MHT CH-391; Bland 1887, 247, 252-53). Following the opening of the Robert Crain Highway in 1927, Waldorf became an important interchange between the rest of southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. (MHT CH-391). In 1922, in anticipation of the Crain Highway, J. Spence Howard surveyed and subdivided the village, which came to include amenities such as a hotel, a general store, several small shops, a two-room school, restaurants and entertainment establishments equipped with slot machines (MHT CH-391). Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. In July of 1970, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guaranteed \$24 million in loans for the St. Charles Communities (Anon. 1970). A planned new community covering 8,000 acres of land near Waldorf, St. Charles contained an industrial park, opened in 1971, and five residential villages built around park-like settings (CCCC c.1972, 61, 65). Waldorf continued to grow during the late-twentieth century as part of the expanding Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The significance of the Gates Property as an example of a post-World War II vernacular residence has been reduced by a loss of integrity. The porch, addition, deck and other changes have obscured the building's original form and materials.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Earl and Consuela Gates Property

SURVEY NO.: CH-509

ADDRESS: 11530 Acton Lane, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Earl and Consuela Gates Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C because the property is not a significant type and because it has been heavily altered. Vernacular residences occur in great numbers and generally are not architecturally distinct. Also, the large east addition, the later full-width porch and the extensive deck have obscured the original form of the building and thereby compromised its integrity.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: Alfred M. Smith ✓

Date: 10/14/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____

Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CH-509

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Piscataway, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Julie Darsie

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date January 1999

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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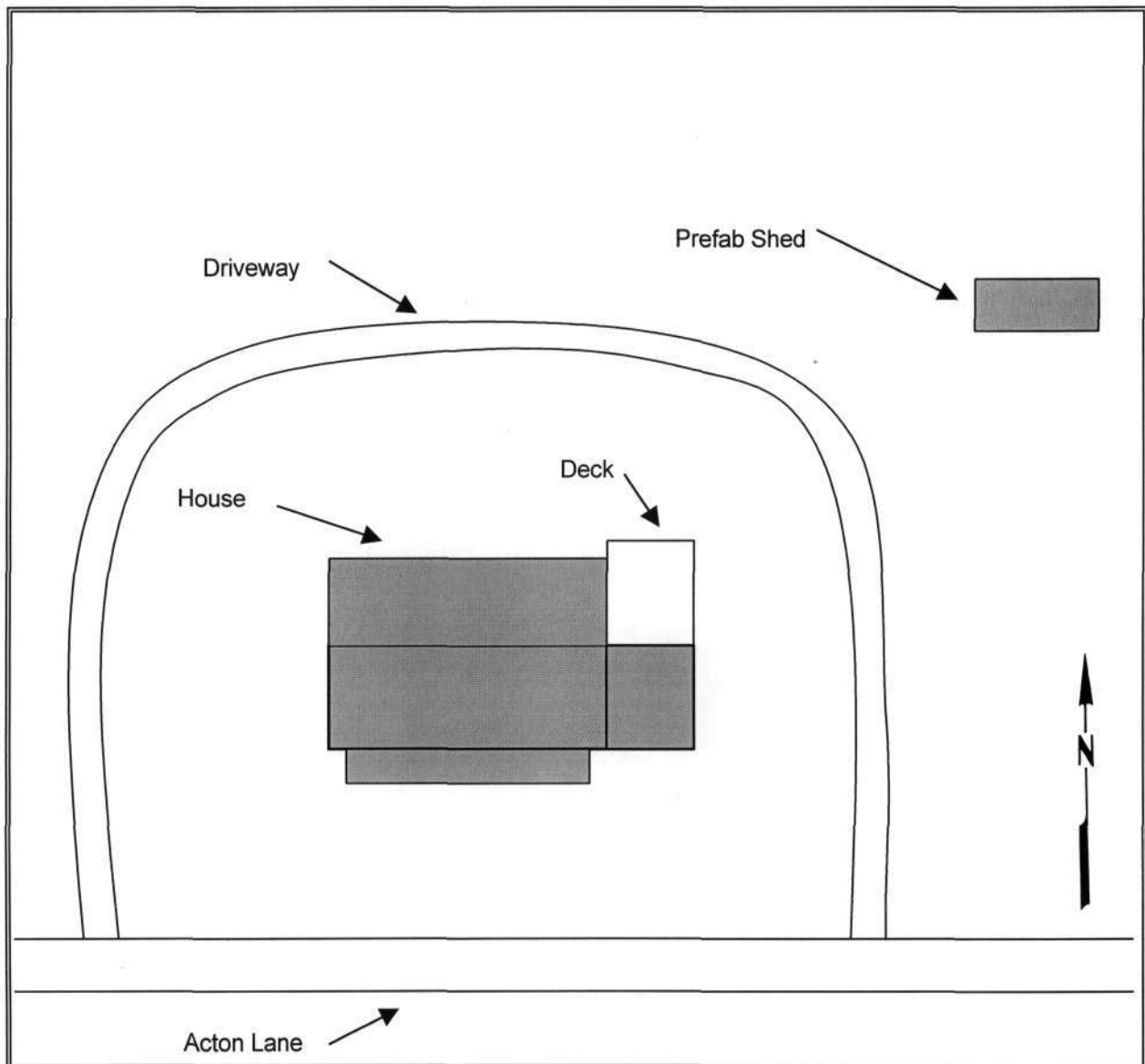
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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RESOURCE NAME: Earl and Consuela Gates Property

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme(s):

Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer

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January 1999

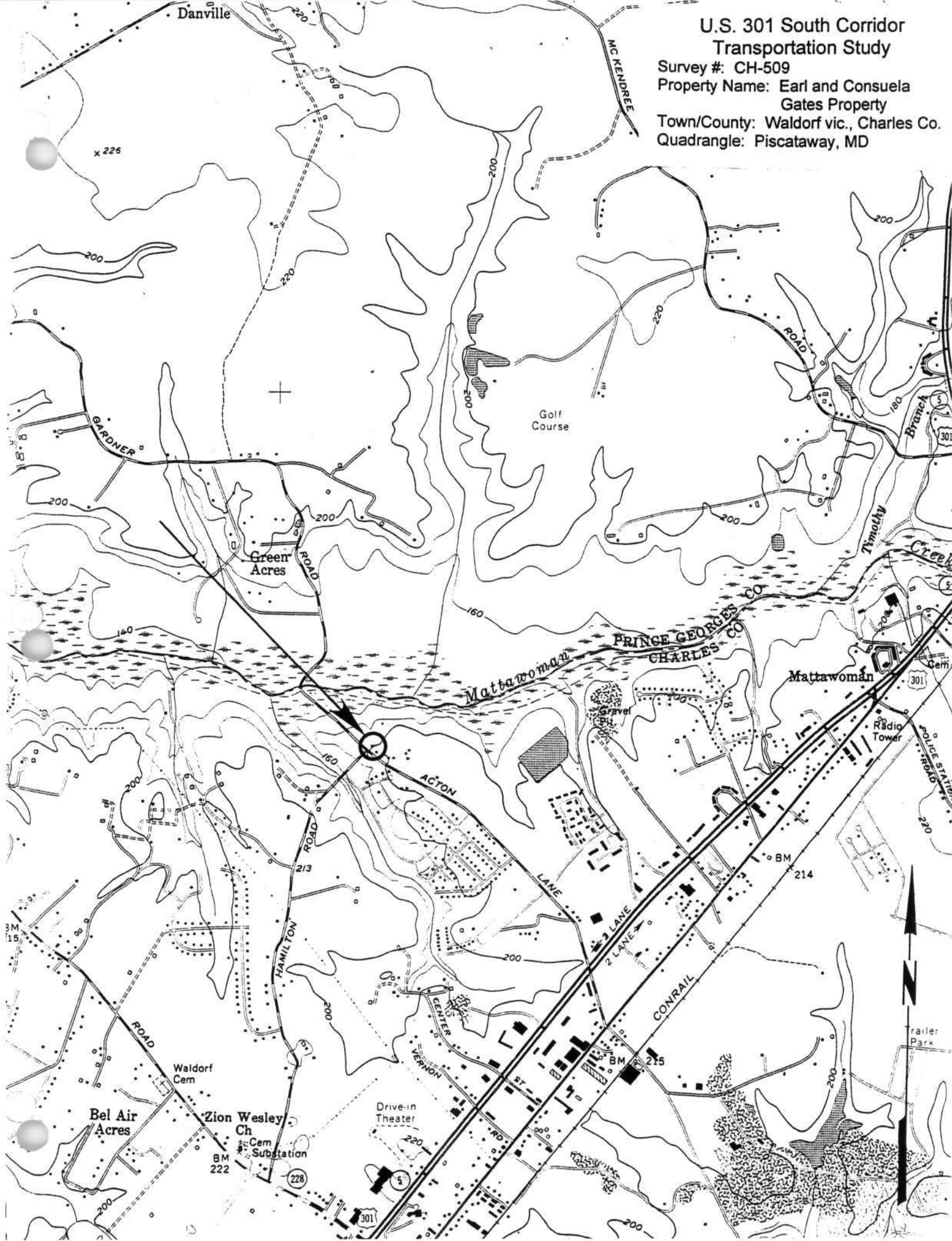
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey #: CH-509

Property Name: Earl and Consuela
Gates Property

Town/County: Waldorf vic., Charles Co.

Quadrangle: Piscataway, MD





- 1) CH - 509
- 2) Earl and Consuela Gates Property, 11530 Acton Lane
- 3) Charles Co, MD
- 4) Julie Darsie
- 5) 1/99
- 6) MD SHPO
- 7) SW corner - View NE
- 8) 1 of 5



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- 2) Earl + Consuela Gates Property, 11530 Acton Lane
- 3) Charles Co, MD
- 4) Julie Darsie
- 5) 1199
- 6) MD STOP
- 7) SE Corner - View NW
- 8) 2 of 5



1) CH-509

2) Earl and Consuela Gates Property, 11530 Acton Lane

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Julie Darsie

5) 1199

6) MD SHPO

7) NE Corner - view SW

8) 3 of 5



1) CH-509

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3) Charles Co, MD

4) Julie Darsie

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPO

7) NW Corner - view SE

8) 4 of 5



1) CH-509

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3) Charles Co, MD

4) Julie Darsie

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPD

7) Prefab shed - view w

8) 5 of 5